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Testimonial Resolution

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Dr. Charles Gilchrist Adams Celebrating 50th Years at Hartford Memorial Baptist Church

WHEREAS

Dr. Charles Gilchrist Adams graduated with honors from the University of Michigan and Harvard University and went on to become a doctoral fellow in Union Theological Seminary in New York City from 1962-1969. Dr. Adams served as Pastor of historic Concord Baptist of Boston, following by an appointment as the Pastor of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church in Detroit; **and**

WHEREAS

In 1991, Dr. Adams addressed the Seventh General Assembly of the World Council of Churches, in which he was elected to that organization's Central Committee. In 1994, Dr. Adams received his second citation by Ebony Magazine as one of the nations fifteen greatest Black preachers (he was first cited in 1984). Ebony Magazine also named him as one of the top 100 influential Black Americans. He served as President of the Detroit Branch of the NAACP in 1984 and was elected to its Executive Board in 1986, 1988, 1990 and 1992; **and**

WHEREAS

Dr. Charles Gilchrist Adams was the 1993-94 Conference Preacher for Hampton University Ministers Conference held in Hampton, Virginia. He has been awarded twelve honorary doctorates from colleges and universities across the country. Dr. Adams has spoken before the United Nations (on South African Apartheid) and has received the coveted "Rabbi Marvin Katzenstein Award" from the Harvard Divinity School. This award is given to a Harvard graduate who exhibits a passionate and helpful interest in the lives of other people. A prolific writer, Dr. Adams has been published locally and nationally in scholarly journals, daily and weekly newspapers; **and**

WHEREAS

Dr. Charles Gilchrist Adams was Professor of Preaching, Ecumenical Theological Seminary, Detroit, MI, 2000 to 2007. He held the position of William and Lucille Nickerson Professor of the Practice of Ethics and Ministry, Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA, which began in July 2007 and ended June, 2012. His board affiliations include the Baptist World Alliance, the World Council of Churches, the National Council of Churches, the Congress of National Black Churches, Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA and Morris College, Sumpter, SC. **Dr. Charles Gilchrist Adams** is married to Agnes Hadley Adams and the father of Tara Adams Washington, MD and the Rev. Charles Christian Adams, presiding Pastor of Hartford. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED

That the **Detroit City Council and Office of Council President Brenda Jones**, along with family, friends and the Hartford Memorial Baptist Church Family, would like to take this time to extend Congratulations to **Dr. Charles Gilchrist Adams** on this wonderful occasion. May God continue to bless you in abundance!

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*Testimonial Resolution***SERGEANT EREN LYNN STEPHENS*****“Over 33 Years of Dedicated Service”*****DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- WHEREAS,** On November 28, 2018, **SERGEANT EREN LYNN STEPHENS**, retired from the Detroit Police Department after more than thirty-three (33) years of dedicated service; **and**
- WHEREAS,** **OFFICER EREN STEPHENS** was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on October 14, 1985. Upon graduation from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, she was assigned to the Seventh Precinct. **OFFICER STEPHENS** patrolled the streets of the Seventh Precinct for over 17 years. On January 22, 1999, she was promoted to the rank of Sergeant; **and**
- WHEREAS,** In October 2003, **SERGEANT STEPHENS** was assigned to Public Information, where she spent 10 years as the spokesperson for the Department. By briefing the Executive Team, **SERGEANT STEPHENS** ensured the Department was cast in a positive light. In September 2013, **SERGEANT STEPHENS** was assigned to Police Medical where she spent the last 5 years of her career. While at Police Medical, she was an integral part in developing the Department's Peer Support Team. She became a voice for her fellow co-workers; **and**
- WHEREAS,** **SERGEANT STEPEHNS** was in charge of many of the Department's annual events, including coordinating the Department's 911 Memorial Service and Good Fellows for the Lieutenants and Sergeants Association (LSA). During her career, **SERGEANT STEPHENS** was the recipient of numerous awards, citations and ribbons; **and**
- WHEREAS,** **SERGEANT EREN STEPHENS** has served the Detroit Police Department and the citizens of Detroit with professionalism, outstanding service, and commitment. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED,** That the **Detroit City Council** and office of **Council President Brenda Jones**, hereby commends **SERGEANT EREN LYNN STEPHENS** for her positive contributions to the Detroit Police Department and for more than thirty-three years of dedicated law enforcement service.

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